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HOCKEY SEXTET BEGINS SEASON HERE SATURDAY

Hamilton Will Put Light Versatile Aggregation on Ice Against New Englanders

MEET MIDDLEBURY IN OPENER

Lack of Ice Hampers Development of Puck-Chasers

Weather conditions permitting, Coach Prettyman's puck chasers will usher in the hockey season in a game with Middlebury here Saturday. Taking advantage of the recent cold snap, approximately three inches of ice have been made in the Sage Building, and the squad should be able to get its first taste of skating early this week.

Although it is rather difficult to name the team before the men have had an opportunity to get on the ice, it seems certain that Prettyman will start a practically veteran team.

Stanley, Fuess, and Scovel are all candidates for the goal guard position and probably all of them will break into the lineup before the initial contest is over. Stanley and Fuess are letter men from last year's sextet while Scovel was a member of the freshman team during the last season.

Although the line will be rather small, the presence of three veterans should give Hamilton as strong an offensive combination as has been seen on the Hill for several years. Captain Van Vleet, one of the stars of last year's aggregation, will hold down one wing position.

To Mann and MacLean will fall the difficult assignment of filling the places left vacant by the graduation of Russ Thompson and Harry Yates. Both Mann and MacLean won their letters in the ice sport last year and despite their diminutive size and lack of weight, are a pair of aggressive forwards who should make plenty of trouble for visiting teams this winter.

From last year's varsity squad, Prettyman will have Browne and I. Bald to fill in the defensive positions as well as a wealth of material from the freshman team of the past season. Hazzard and T. Bald, who worked together on the varsity against Union last year, seem slated for regular berths. Briggs, Heyl, Gillespie, and Kinloch all showed up well on the first year team last season and will probably give the veterans a real battle for varsity positions during the coming months.

Although little is known concerning the Middlebury sextet, the visitors are reputed to have a good team. The New Englanders will have the advantage of considerable practice on ice over the Hamilton crew. Middlebury has been favored by cold weather during the last week and has been able to work out regularly.

MR. SQUIRES RELINQUISHES HIS PASTORATE IN UTICA

Dr. William H. Squires, professor of philosophy, has recently resigned his position as pastor of South Church, Congregational, at Genesee Street and Beverly Place, Utica. Dr. Squires, in resigning, gave the following statement:

"I came here March 18, 1923, in accordance with an agreement with the church, to help it by filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of its pastor, Rev. Donald MacLean, on account of illness. I am now handing the work over to a regular pastor of the church. The possibilities of the work in this section appealed to me and I came here to assist the church in raising money with which to build a community church that would care for all desiring a place of worship.

"The congregation fixed a certain amount to be raised before construction of a new church edifice should be started. The amount specified has been raised and more, for the subscription went over the top by about $335. The contract between us has been fulfilled and my work having been finished, I have been released."

Speaking of a new church, the trustees said, "That is now in sight, and a great deal of the credit is due to the personal work and energy of Prof. Squires.

—There will be no issue of Life on next Tuesday, Dec. 22. The next issue will appear on Jan. 12.

ADMISSION BY CARD

Because of the great demand for seats for the Miracle Play and choir recital on Sunday night in the Hall of Commons, invitations are being issued. Admission will be open to the undergraduates, faculty members, trustees, and their families. Others must be invited and cards are being sent out to persons interested in the college. Seats will be held for those holding tickets until 8 o'clock. After that time the doors will be opened to everyone.

COLLEGE WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Junior Members of Council are to be Elected

The meeting of the Undergraduate Association at which letters and numerals will be awarded in soccer, cross country and football, and at which a new amendment to the constitution will be voted on, will be held in Commons Hall next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. The three undergraduate members to the Executive Council from the junior class will also be elected at this time.

Dr. Saunders, the president of the Undergraduate Association, will call a meeting of the Association after chapel Wednesday morning at which the preliminary balloting for the new members of the Council will take place. Each fraternity is putting up a man for the Council, making 11 candidates in all. Each man will vote for three men of the following list: Andrews, Burns, Fletcher, Hickok, Howk, King, LeFever, MacLean, Mann, Sayres, Thomas. The ballots will be counted just before the meeting of the Association, which will proceed to the final balloting. The highest four men will be voted on in the evening. They will be voted on in pairs, as formerly, and three out of four will be elected.

An amendment to the Constitution recommended by the Executive Council will be considered at the meeting. This amendment proposes to change Article 4, section f of the Constitution to read, "To win an H in Cross Country, a man must win 15 points in that season, first place counting 10 points, second place, 9 points, third place 8 points, etc." This would make it easier to win an H in this sport, a feat which has been well nigh impossible in past years. The old system of winning a letter made first place count 5 points, second place 4 points, etc.

Award Letters

The numerals and letters for the three fall sports will also be awarded at this meeting. There will be no H's awarded in Cross Country unless the amendment to the Constitution is passed. Under the present system, full numerals in Cross Country will be given to E. Clark, '28, and S. Baker, '29. Half numerals will be awarded to Donaldson, '28, Vosburgh, '28, Miller, '28, Robbins, '26, I. Bald, '27, and C. Clark, '28.

If, however, the amendment should be passed by the Association, the Cross Country H will be given to E. Clark, '28. Full numerals will go to Donaldson, '28, Vosburgh, '28, Miller, '28, Baker, '29. Half numerals will go to Robbins, '26, Bald, '27, and C. Clark, '28.

The soccer H will be awarded to the following: D. S. Payne, '26, J. Chase, '26, P. Chase, '29, Chan, '28, Howk, '27, F. Nichols, '26 Forshay, '27, Fisher, '28, Hassard, '28, T. A. Bald, '28, Warfield, '28, Britten, '27, and Bauer, '28.

The following men will be awarded the H in football: Martin, '26, Bookhout, '27, N. Mann, '27, Pierce, '28, Jenness, '29, Fletcher, '27, Chatfield, '29, Scovel, '28, Doane, '29, F. Richards, '26, Reinecke, '29, Kinloch, '28, Brockway, '28, Wormuth, '28, R. Thomas, '27, Olmsted, '27, Williamson, '27, Burns, '27, Keeports, '28. Full numerals go to C. Smith, '27, Hewlett, '27, and Warren, '28. Half numerals will be awarded to J. Morris, '28, Eldridge, '29, and Fuess, '27.

Dr. Saunders will preside at this meeting of the General Association of Undergraduate Activities.

Four weeks ago Hamilton Life offered a free subscription to the alumnus or undergraduate who submitted the best Hamilton yell. Only one answer has been received. The time limit is being extended and it is hoped that some yells will be submitted to supplement the few that are now used.

New York State Committee Awards Hamilton Man Rhodes Scholarship

John W. Chase Fourth Rhodes Scholar Chosen from Hamilton College—Selected from 400 Applicants—To Receive 400 Pounds a Year for Three Years' Study at Oxford.

John W. Chase, '26, was appointed Rhodes Scholar from New York State at the annual examination of candidates for the Rhodes Scholarship held in New York last Saturday. He is the son of Dr. Cleveland K. Chase, Benjamin-Bates Professor of Latin at Hamilton.

Chase is the fourth Hamilton man to win a Rhodes scholarship. Robert M. Scoon, '07, Ernest S. Griffith, '17, and Philip C. Jessup, '18, are the other Hamilton students who have won this honor coveted among college men. Jessup, however, after winning the scholarship, declined to take advantage of it.

Chase, in winning the scholarship, was chosen from an original field of over 400 applicants, residents of New York State, from most of the leading universities, each of whom had been recommended by the faculty of his college. From this number 17 were sifted out and invited to New York City to take the final oral examination. Two men are appointed from each state every three years.

The Rhodes Scholarship carries with it an annual stipend of 400 pounds a year for three years' study at Oxford. There is no restriction upon the course which the winners may pursue while at Oxford. The college which each man shall attend is decided by the board.

Chase is at present editor-in-chief of **Hamilton Life**, edited the 1926 Hamiltonian last year, and is a member of the Press Board. He is president of the Hamilton chapter of Pi Delta Epsilon, national journalistic fraternity. Jack played as a halfback on the soccer team for the last two years and has been a member of the varsity tennis team for three seasons, captaining that sport in his Junior year.

In scholarship, Chase has averaged above 85% for his two first years and above 90% for his junior year. He won a Kellogg Essay Prize in his freshman year, and was awarded the Hawley Latin Prize at the conclusion of his sophomore year. He won the Chauncey S. Truax Greek Scholarship at the end of his junior year.

Chase is a member of Sigma Phi.

MIRACLE PLAY HEADS PROGRAM NEXT SUNDAY

Choir Will Render Christmas Carols in Commons

Final preparations are being made for the Christmas Miracle Play to be given in Commons Hall next Sunday evening by the Dramatic Interpretation Class. Such a play has been given at this time for the past several years. One of the features of the program will be the singing of Christmas music by the Hamilton College Choir which also takes the part of the Heavenly Host in the Miracle Play.

The play, a combination of three of the old Miracle (not Moralities, as was stated in a recent issue of **Life**) is identical with the one which was given last year. It opens with the Angel Gabriel's revelation to the Virgin Mary that she has been chosen to be the mother of the Christ. Joseph's doubts are quieted through a dream in which the Angel again appears. The scene then changes to the plains beyond Bethlehem, where four shepherds are watching their sheep. On the appearance of the star and the message of the Heavenly Host, the shepherds go to Bethlehem where they find the Christ Child.

The magi next appear, and after an encounter with Herod, also find Jesus at Bethlehem.

The setting is very simple and impressive. The play is supposed to be presented at the high altar of a church of the Middle Ages.

RUTGERS' STUDENTS VOTE DOWN HONOR SYSTEM

The honor system which has been in effect for the last six years at Rutgers was recently abolished by the student assembly with only a few dissenting votes.

Student leaders stated that a new form of the old system probably would be proposed soon, but that the one which was abolished was inadequate and unable to be enforced except in the case of unpopular students.

The system worked well until 1923, when a case came up the result of which proved to the undergraduates at Rutgers that a popular man could not be convicted. Eight men testified that the defendant had violated the system, but no student jury would convict him. Immediately afterward, the jury system was dropped and trial by a closed court was adopted. That failed and then the form of optional honor system was adopted, in which each class may elect if 90 per cent votes favorably. Only one class voted for it at the second term last year.

The cause of the system was seen to be lost last year when Henry O. Gray, judge of the honor court and chairman of the Student Council, made his annual report to the Council. He refused to entertain nominations for his successor and no court was elected to carry on the judicial work of the system. This year, agitation for the abolition of the system was started by a series of editorials in the Targum, the undergraduate newspaper, and by statements by the majority of the administrative heads of the university.

MUSICAL CLUBS MAKE APPEARANCE IN UTICA

Glee Club Draws Applause of Large Audience in Concert

The annual concert and dance of the Hamilton Musical Clubs was held in the ballroom of the Hotel Utica last Saturday night. An appreciative audience of about 400 was present. The program was very successful in every way, and was not marred by any breaks. Numbers by both the Glee and Instrumental Clubs, and novelty acts featured the program, which was arranged in two parts.

In the first part were two numbers by the Glee Club, and one by the Instrumental Club. The Chorus of the Bacchantes by the Glee Club, concluding this part, was generally conceded to be the best rendered selection of the evening.

Part two contained additional numbers by both clubs and the novelty acts. The novelty acts were especially good this year. A jazz orchestra, composed of Fradenburgh and Green at the piano; Robson, banjo; Preston, trumpet; and Hynes, drum, played several numbers. Whitbeck, Freeman, and Robson sang some faculty scurfs. The Glee Club quartet, composed of Whitbeck, Nichols, Freeman and Robson, was especially appreciated. Robson sang, accompanying himself on the banjo, and was called back for several encores. The concert ended with the singing of Carissima.

After the concert dancing was enjoyed until 1 o'clock. Patronesses were Mrs. William A. Bartlett, Mrs. H. J. Cookinham, Jr., Mrs. William F. Dowling, Mrs. Frederick C. Ferry, Mrs. W. C. Gibson, Mrs. Stanley E. Gilbert, Mrs. George B. Ogden, Mrs. Glenn Prescott, Mrs. Charles B. Rogers, Mrs. John M. Ross, and Mrs. George H. Sicard.

The program follows:

Part One

1. Bright Hamilton (Stryker)—Glee Club.
2. Lady of the Nile (Kahn and John); Because of You (Hirsch)—Instrumental Club.
3. My Love Dwelt in a Northern Land (Elgar); Chorus of the Bacchatnes (Gounod)—Glee Club.

Part Two

1. By the Waters of Minnetonka (Lieurance); The Prisoner's Song (Massey); Brown Eyes (Meyer)—Instrumental Club.
2. Novelty Acts.
3. Fair Hamilton (Lewis); Student Land (Gousha and Colling)—Glee Club.
4. Oriental Love Dream (Kerr); The Co-ed (Conrad and Bernie); One Stolen Kiss (Conley)—Instrumental Club.
5. Carissima (Stryker).

Tryouts for "The Cat and the Cherub" by C. B. Fernald, the new play which the Charlatans will present, will be held next Friday evening at 8 in the Hall of Commons. Copies of the play will be placed in the Library on Monday for the benefit of those who are interested in trying out.

PAGE SPEAKS TOMORROW

Mr. Kirby Page, famous authority on international affairs, will speak at the Sigma Phi Place Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Upperclassmen and all students interested in debate are invited to attend. It is very probable that Mr. Page will deliver a short address before the College after chapel on Thursday morning. Mr. Page's lectures are upon topics of national interest. He comes to Hamilton under the auspices of the World Court Committee of the Council of Christian Associations.

COURT SQUAD WILL MEET LARRIES NEXT

McBride May Shift Lineup Against Veteran Canton Outfit

Hamilton will play its second basketball game of the season when it meets St. Lawrence here Thursday evening. The St. Lawrence quintet is probably the strongest combination that will be met this year, and the possibility of a Hamilton victory is far from rosy.

St. Lawrence will send a strong team, consisting of the same men who last year defeated Hamilton on the local court, 47-27. Van Deusen, who in last year's game made 10 points, will play center. Burkman, the scorer of 8 points in the same game, will hold down one of the forward berths with Costello for a running mate. Papp and Rhodes will probably be the guards.

The Hobart game brought to light many defects in the playing of the Hamilton basketeers. The playing was very ragged, too many foul shots were missed, and there was an excessive amount of shooting from the center of the floor. Coach McBride, however, expects to iron out these rough spots.

In an effort to form a strong cooperative offense there is much likelihood that Captain Payne will be shifted to one of the forward positions with Bob Thomas, captain-elect of next year's football team, taking the position of Payne at guard. Stone, making 12 out of Hamilton's 23 points in the Hobart game, starred in Friday's game, and will hold down the other forward position. The other guard position will be ably taken care of by Howk, whose passing featured Friday's game. Jacobsen will probably start at center, with Normile and Eldredge, freshmen players, standing a strong chance of seeing action.

The St. Lawrence game will be the last game before the Christmas vacation. The team will return the Monday before college opens to get in condition for the remainder of the games on the schedule.

JUNIORS POSTPONE WINTER PROM PLANS

Despite the decree of the Junior Class that there will be no Winter Prom, and despite the almost disastrous attempt to hold a carnival last year, it is quite likely that several of the crowds will hold forth in house party revelry between terms. As yet no crowd has openly announced its intention of so doing, but persistent rumors are current to the effect that the Chi Psis, the D. U.s and the Theta Delts are going to run houseparties.

Last week, the Juniors voted not to hold a Prom this winter, but to hold one the Friday night of spring houseparty. Of course such a decision is only tentaive. If Prom should come only tentative. If Prom should come crowds would entertain for the three days—Thursday, Friday, and Saturday—dancing in their respective houses Thursday and Saturday nights, and in the Gym Friday night. The main objection to such an arrangement seems to be founded on the contention that it would incur too great an extra expense. The Prom Committee has computed the probable cost of holding Prom during the spring house party weekend, and has found that a really good orchestra, one such as the Hill is not accustomed to, could be brought here without involving an excessive additional tax. The trustees would of course not grant an additional holiday, but they might be induced to give us a day without classes the Friday or Saturday of spring house party with the proviso that we attend classes on Washington's Birthday or Decoration Day. Decoration Day is more or less of a farce as a holiday anyway, since the final exam period so closely follows it that few fellows leave the Hill.

HAMILTON LOSES FIRST GAME TO HOBART QUINTET

McBride's Teams Weakens in Second Period After Leading at Half Time

FINAL SCORE 29-23

Stone Tops Scoring in Sluggish Contest

After leading their opponents by a one-point margin at the half, the Hamilton quintet weakened in the second session and lost the opening game of the current court season to Hobart by a 29-23 margin here Friday. While not impressive in their first showing, McBride's men displayed potential ability and should develop into a well-ronded combination during the coming campaign.

McBride used eight men during the initial encounter and shifted his lineup considerably in an attempt to put a smoothly running combination on the floor. Captain Payne played at both a forward and a guard position during the course of the game and there is still considerable doubt as to which berth he will hold down regularly.

Normile and Eldridge, two freshmen candidates for varsity positions, were both given a chance in the Hamilton offense and although their floor work was acceptable, neither of them was able to tally a point. Thomas also broke into the lineup as a guard.

Showing the effects of their two grilling games with Colgate and Syracuse, the Hobart quintet failed to display much in the nature of real basketball during the early stages of the game. Play was slow during the first half with both sides resorting constantly to long shots, very few of which tallied.

Neither team was able to chalk up a single point during the first seven minutes of the game. Deubert, Hobart's scoring ace, finally broke the ice with a pretty shot from the floor. A foul shot followed by a pretty fielder on Howk's part put Hamilton into the lead. Although slow, the play was even from this point until near the end of the period when the Hamilton offense picked up and the local quintet spurted ahead of the visitors. A fielder by Payne followed by Stone's foul gave Hamilton a 9-8 lead at the half time.

Play was decidedly speeded up during the last half and the Geneva combination started a rally that put them in the lead, not to be headed again during the game. Deubert and Kiley were the mainstays in their team's offense during this period, each accounting for three field goals.

With five minutes left to play and with Hobart holding the long end of a 25-22 score, Hamilton tried desperately to break back into the lead but to no avail. Hobart increased its margin in the last few minutes of play with two fielders while Hamilton had to content itself with a single foul.

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BIOLOGY AND GEOLOGY CLUBS HOLD MEETINGS

The biology club met last Wednesday evening at Prof. Morrill's home. There were but a few men present. Several papers and reports were read, with Dr. Morrill presiding. Frank Robson read a paper on "Heliotropism in Animals." Jack King reported on the topic of the "Treatment of Cancer by the Use of Cautery." This subject, of the possibilities of treating cancer by the use of an electrically heated knife, is one of which physicians are just beginning to see the potentialities. It was very interestingly treated by King. The next paper was read by Philip Bauer on the dietary system of treating tuberculosis.

Each report was followed by an open discussion. The meeting closed with refreshments.

At the Geology Building last Monday night the bi-monthly meeting of the Geology Club was held. Prof. Dale presided. Arthur Browne, '27, read a paper on the Devonian petrified forest at Gilboa, in the Catskills. This is the oldest petrified forest in the world. The Geology department recently received a gift of two petrified tree trunks which came from this forest. Orcutt, '26, reported on the topic of earthquakes.

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THE IDEAL PRESIDENT

(From The New York World)

Consider the quite extraordinary conduct of President Marion Edwards Park of Bryn Mawr College.

Miss Park was petitioned by the students' Self-Government Association to permit smoking at Bryn Mawr under certain restrictions and in certain quarters of the college. The reason the petitions gave was this: that while not all of the students wished to smoke—in fact, less than half of them apparently did wish to—an old anti-smoking rule of 1897 was increasingly difficult to enforce and no longer had undergraduate sentiment behind it.

What did Miss Park answer? Did she point out to the students that Bryn Mawr never changes? Did she discover that the younger generation is going to the dogs? Did she affirm that a law once written is a law forever, and that if Bryn Mawr does not choose to live as it lived in 1897 the one thing to do is to give the college more machinery of enforcement? No. Miss Park laid down none of these ex cathedra judgments. She simply remarked that the conduct of students at Bryn Mawr has always been in the hands of the Self-Government Association; that the regulations of the association have been based on the public opinion of the moment; that times change and opinion changes with it; and that if a regulation prohibiting anything "can no longer depend on the authority of conscience and convention, which make up public opinion," then it is no longer effective and there is no health in it.

Students at Bryn Mawr will henceforth be permitted to smoke, if they wish to smoke, under certain moderate restriction. Miss Park helps us believe that we are living in an age of reason.

CHRISTMAS GABOON WILL APPEAR SOON

New Theatrical Section Added to Features of Next Issue

The Christmas issue of the Royal Gaboon, which is scheduled to appear shortly before the Christmas recess, will contain several new feature articles, including a special article on Samuel Hopkins Adams, and a department for theatergoers, in addition to the customary cartoons and jokes.

This issue, which is being edited by Fred Skinner during the absence of Editor Hutchens, will contain several very good drawings and cartoons by members of the art staff. Chief among these will be a charcoal sketch by Henry Yuan. Huggins, who had a much admired drawing in the first issue, has had several accepted this time. The cover will be by Button.

The feature of this issue will be the article on Samuel Hopkins Adams by Martin J. Htchens, '88. Hutchens, who is the editor of a newspaper in Missoula, Mont., attended Hamilton with Adams and is well qualified to write about him.

In addition to the usual reviews of the later books, the new theater department will be an attractive feature. The criticisms in this section are to be written by a New York correspondent, a Hamilton alumnus. The editors have felt that a theater review would be of interest to most of the students and are therefore trying out the plan in this next issue. This department will most likely be continued in future issues.

A number of interesting stories were submitted for this issue, out of which the editors have chosen two or three to be printed. In addition to these things there will of course be the usual jokes and nonsense that go to make up the humorous section.

Although this is the Christmas issue it will contain nothing in the way of stories or articles pertaining particularly to Christmas.

'DRESSMAKER FROM PARIS' NEXT MOVIE IN COMMONS

The Y. M. C. A., after suspending film operations in Commons for a week, comes back with a bang next Saturday evening. Just by way of demonstrating that this was but a temporary lapse, the local movie magnates have selected a picture with Leatrice Joy and fourteen of the most beautiful girls obtainable from all parts of the world. The film is "The Dressmaker from Paris" and there are presented to the critical connoisseur Latin beauties, Norse beauties, Oriental beauties, Gallic and Gaelic beauties. And not only that, but there is Leatrice Joy and Mildred Harris.

The story opens in Paris at the beginning of the World War. Leatrice has the role of Fifi, who meets Billy Brent, an American army officer. Brent is unfortunately ordered to the front. Later the scene shifts to America, where our hero is an enterprising young department store manager, and Fifi is touring the country giving fashion shows. She calls herself Madame Louise, and acquires the reputation of—well, things do get around in Clarion, Ill. Things soon begin to happen rapidly, under the encouragement of the 14 smooth damsels who exhibit clothes for the Dressmaker from Paris. Indeed, so many things occur that they could not all be recorded here.

COUNCIL RECOMMENDS CHANGE IN H AWARD

Requirements for Cross Country Letter Believed Too Hard

The Executive Council met Monday evening, Dec. 7, in Sliliman Hall. The Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of Managers Michels, Hinke, and Pickard for awarding insignia to members of their teams. The Council also voted to approve the 1926 schedules of fencing, baseball, track, soccer and cross country.

Prof. Carruth reported that he had computed the scores of the ass managers of last year by the Nanson system, a detailed system of computation, and that the results were the same as were computed by the system used last year.

A date was set for the annual meeting of the Association for Undergraduate Activities of Hamilton College. This meeting will be held in Commons Wednesday evening, Dec. 16, at 8. Preliminary balloting for undergraduate members of the Executive Council will take place Wednesday morning, Dec. 16, after the chapel exercises. The final vote will be taken at the general meeting in Commons that evening.

The undergraduate members of the Council, Payne, Robson, and G. Stanley, recommended to the Council that Art. 4, Sec. f, No. 1 of the Constitution, constituting the requirements for the cross country H, be changed to read: To win an H in cross country, a student must win 15 points during a season—first place to count 10 points, second place to count 9 points, etc. This recommendation was approved by the Council and will be presented before the Association at the annual meeting of Dec. 16th for ratification.

INTERESTING VOLUMES ADDED TO LIBRARY

"Letters of Madame" Give Intimate Picture of French Court

Among the books recently added to the College library is "The Letters of Madame" translated and edited by Gertrude Scott Stevenson. "Madame" was the wife of Phillippe, Louis XIV's only brother. Her extensive correspondence with friends all over Europe has been a great quarrying ground for historians of the 17th and 18th centuries. She lived at the court, but was aloof from the artificial gaiety of it, spending most of her time in her petit cabinet carrying on her voluminous correspondence. Her letters are especially valuable and intimate, in that, unlike so many of the women of her time who wrote letters from the court, they were never intended for publication.

She had a well-organized, well-paid system of spies whose "keyhole" and other kinds of observations materially aided her in collecting information for her astounding letters. Madame was an interesting, original, and thoroughly human sort of person.Her jolly rotundity and essential plainness gives her distinctiveness in the midst of a society to which beauty was the passport; she abhorred cosmetics and fine clothes, she had no taste for cards, the chief amusement of the court, and, in general lived a life unto herself, writing letters, reading, playing with her dogs, or arranging her medals of which she had a numerous collection. On Marie Therese's death in 1683, she assumed rather reluctantly, as the king's sister-in-law, the position of first lady of France, which position she maintained until the king's death. Her letters covering 40 years of life at the French court show her to have been a woman of keen intelligence, and a frankness bordering on the cruelly blunt. The book is worth reading for historical knowledge set down in a rollicking, racy style.

"Tide Marks"

"Tide Marks," by H. M. Tomlinson is a book of an entirely different content. It records a recent voyage of the author to the beaches of the Molluccas, and to the forests of Malaya. It is written in a colorful style and will appeal to those who sit up all night to read an adventure story to its conclusion—and it is informative, too.

Frank B. Deakin, formerly Press Attache of the British Embassy in Madrid, is the author of a book, "Spain," which is a mine of information particularly suited to students taking Professor Super's Spanish course. It deals with education, housing, health, sanitation, justice, the press, and various political manoeuvres in that delightfully lazy country.

There are two interesting books on negro spirituals. One of them "On the Trail of the Negro Folksong" by Dorothy Scarborough, has words and music for many of the lesser known but nevertheless typical of them, the other book, "The Negro and His Songs" by Howard Adam and Guy Johnson, both professors in the University of North Carolina, was more scholarly but equally enjoyable reading.

PROFESSOR MENTIONS RARE TREE ON CAMPUS

The Hamilton Colloge campus came into the limelight recently when Prof. William F. Langworthy of Colgate University in lecturing to his botany class, cited this campus as being one of the few places in this section of the country where there are gingko trees. There are three such trees on the campus and one on Senator Root's estate.

The word "gingko" comes from the Chinese "yin-hing" meaning silver apricot. It is a tree common to Japan and to the forests of Western China and has the habits of a conifer.

Although common to Japan where for centuries they have been raised in temple groves, the gingko is hardy as far north as Massachusetts. It is used in this country only for ornamental cultivation. A single specimen may be found on the lawn of H. Platt Osborne in Clinton.

In speaking of these trees, Mr. Wallace, one of the oldest caretakers at the college, remarked, "Those trees were set out at the time of most of the others, some 60 or 65 years ago by Senator Root's father and Messrs. Hastings and North. They're the sacred trees of Japan and I've seen Japanese servants from Mr. Root's house come over on this campus and walk all around those trees muttering some kind of lingo. As for burning one of those leaves, you might as well try to burn asbestos."

The gingko is the most interesting and unusual tree on the campus. The swamp, or bald cypress, ranks second.

—At a recent meeting of the Republican Club of Utica, William Ross Lee, '00, was reelected president.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT PRAISED IN SERMON

Dr. Moldenhawer Makes Favorable Impression

In hearing the sermon of Rev. J. V. Moldenhawer on Sunday, the college had the privilege of listening to one of the most learned and powerful preachers in the American pulpit today. Dr. Moldenhawer is well known in the Presbyterian Church and by theologians generally as a learned and brilliant student and a powerful and engaging speaker. Dr. Moldenhawer is pastor of the Albany Presbyterian Church, but has recently been temporarily acting as a professor in Auburn Theological Seminary. Last Sunday was Dr. Moldenhawer's first visit to Hamilton. Immediately after the enthusiastic reception of his sermon on Sunday, he was asked by President Ferry to come to the Hill again next year, and kindly accepted.

To illustrate the perpetuity of the Christmas spirit throughout the ages, the preacher pointed to the essential spirit of the writings of Dickens, in the Victorian age, and of Conrad, in our own era. Dr. Moldenhawer praised the Christmas Carol as being one of the most profoundly moving bits of writing that the English language has produced. He spoke of Conrad as a writer of extreme modernistic tendencies, whose works many people read merely because it was "the thing to do," and, yet, he said that Conrad's books were permeated with the spirit of loyalty, and that in "Victory," which Conrad considered his best work, the theme is victory over death, expressed in self-sacrifice.

In conclusion, Dr. Moldenhawer declared that it must be a truly great institution which can withstand the attacks of a vulgar and commercialistic age, and still preserve its universal appeal throughout all time.

MR. COUGHLIN ATTENDS PINEHURST MEETING

Mr. Coughlin has recently been in Pinehurst, N. C., attending the sixth annual meeting of the Association of University and College Business Officers of the Eastern States, of which he is a member. This association has 88 members throughout the eastern and southern states both in colleges and larger universities. There is a similar association for the middle and western states. Wake Forest College was the host for this year's meeting which was held at the Hotel Carolina on the 4th and 5th of December. President Poteat tof Wake Forest College delivered the address of welcome. Mr. Coughlin was elected to the executive committee for the coming year. Mr. F. B. Johnson of Yale University, who was vice-president this year, was elected president. It was decided that the next annual meeting should be held at Princeton University. The joint meeting of the eastern and western associations, which is held every three years, will come in May, 1926.

Some of the subjects discussed at the meeting were: "Insurance for Educational Institutions," "More Effective Methods of Auditing," "The Support of Student Organizations including Student Unions," "The Operation of College Stores" and "The Segregation of Investments for Special Funds."

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Thou too sail on, O Ship of State,
Sail on, O Union, strong and great
While Hamilton with all its fears
Defies your law to get its beers.

The shades of night have fallen fast
And now are wholly gone at last.
To Commons then, with weary feet,
To find in place of Shredded Wheat,
Excelsior!

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The Wreck of the Department

(Not lyric enough to be put into verse)

"I wish you men would put a little more time on your....discussions. I can remember....well.... when men....If you'll stop this noise I'll go on ....and not until....I can remember the day when....and it was not so long ago either....when....Mr. Michels, I'll dismiss you when I'm through with you. I wish you men would put a little more time....on your work. A speech like Mr.....like....well, any one of the speeches this morning....shows.... it shows that no time, no time, has been spent....on....on preparation. I can remember the day when men....men like you....no great literary ability....no great literary capability....used to feel that a chapel oration.... or a chapel declamation....was more than....was something to be....something to....Now you men can put your rubbers on when I'm through.... and not until....and I'm not going to tell you again....this morning's chapel showed a lack of....of preparation....there's no better word than that ....serious preparation. I don't mean simply getting a piece of writing accepted and memorizing it....that's not speaking....as one of the....judges at the Clark Prize Contest last June said...'Prof. Lewis, something's wrong. When I was in college things were different.' That's just the point. Things were different. Something is....wrong. You didn't find men....in those days ....and I don't mean so long ago either....1919....1920....Take....take Dean Alfange....perhaps some of you remember him....He made one.... of the....fiinest....apear....ance....s..... (Wake Up! Church is Out!) I WANT TO SEE THE SENIORS PLEASE. Now, if you'll just wait a minute....(Got a Butt?)

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Under t spreading chestnut beard—
(Finish it yourself: that's the only funny line in it.)

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HIGHER WATER

How Chief Loud-Mouth—sometimes called Chief Burton—Killed the Raccoon Puppy

Then stalked forth the stout brave Loud-Mouth
With no arms except a jack-knife.
Stalked he through a darkened cellar
Where the wild Raccoon Skin wandered.
Heard he then a woeful moaning.
Flashed a light, and Lo! Behold it!
There before him crouched the Coon Skin.
Then brave Loud-Mouth got up courage
Ran as fast as legs could take him.
Got a gun and swift returned he.
There the puppy of the Coon Skin
Whined a friendly word of greeting.
Tried to rub her Itching Dorsals
On the quivering legs of Loud-Mouth.
Then brave Loud-Mouth raised to fire.
"Pop!" the gun boomed through the cellar.
"Zip!" The shot sped through the puppy,
Left no traces of the Coon Skin.
Now when sharply blows the North Wind,
Then doth mighty Chieftain Burton,
(Or as others call him, 'Loud-Mouth')
Tell of his heroic hunting
Tell of how he shot the Coon Skin
Shot the whole damn thing to nothing.

* * *

We met a pathetic figure yesterday. His name was "As much emotion as Uneeda Biscuit." My, we said to ourself, how old and worn he's looking! And so young!

* * *

Cal spoke his mind the other day and called the boys intellectual fatheads. Of course he's probably right about it, but....

* * *

We suggest that Coach Gelas interview Little Greek when it comes to finding out things about broadwords. Little G.'s demonstration to the class in Greek Art of Hercules's Use of his Sword was indeed impressive. No one without a fire of Hellenic smoke within him could have put across the beauty of this particular method of thrust and parry.

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After Carpe's recent exposure of the Kirkland Bootleggers, the Bursar ordered Mr. Burton to look into the cellar. This was done and the report was in the negative or rather in the absence of the cellar. The cellar was immediately dug and the Bursar assures us that no such indiscrimination shall again occur. Particular pains are being taken to make the cellar in the revised Knox Hall as conspicuous as possible. Large quantities of it are being piled outside.

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Captain Taylor has issued statements on a recent improvement on the Hill. He says in effect: "Residents of North College may now rest in peace, well assured that they are safe from fire. It is with sincere hilariousness that I annonce the rediscovery of the college fire truck. The discovery came about when the coal was removed from Knox Hall; some facetious janitor had shoveled the truck into the coal bin."

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From the Spanish Instructor

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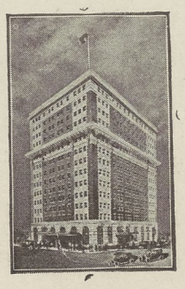

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Captain Ayers Is Head of Missing Persons Bureau

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The startling accounts of the disappearance of thousands of people yearly led Captain Ayers to investigate for his own interest, all the circumstances which would cause people to leave home. Due to his ability along this line, he was appointed head of the missing persons bureau in New York City. This bureau was the first of its kind on this continent.

Over a period of seven years, Capt. Ayers' experience as head of this department has shown him that 100,000 individuals disappear annually. "This appalling figure is not as bad as it might seem," he observes, "for 40,000 of these missing persons are accounted for within a few days, 30,000 within a few weeks, 25,000 within a few months, and 3,000 within a few years. This leaves only 2,000 who have passed into oblivion.

"Aphasia or loss of memory," continues the country's leading police expert, "is generally believed to be one of the causes of disappearance. However, that idea is entirely wrong, for I have known only six cases of genuine aphasia in as many years. We are, nevertheless, confronted by many cases of 'pretended' loss of memory."

COLLEGE CALENDAR

Tuesday

Fraternity meetings.

Instrumental Club rehearsal at 9.

Wednesday

Talk on International Affairs by Kirby Page, Sigma Phi Place, 5 p. m.

College meeting in Commons, 8 p. m.

Thursday

Basketball with St. Lawrence in Gymnasium at 8.

Choir rehearsal at 7:45.

Friday

German Club Christmas meeting at Dr. Hauch's at 8.

Charlatans tryouts in Commons at 8.

Saturday

Hockey game with Middlebury in Athletic Building at 8.

Movies in Commons after game. Leatrice Joy in "The Dressmaker from Paris."

Sunday

Chapel preacher, Rt. Rev. Charles Fiske, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Central New York, of Utica.

"Miracle Play" and musicale in Commons at 8.

BASKETBALL TEAM LOSES

(Continued from page 1)

shots was one of the main causes of Hamilton's downfall. A total of 10 foul attempts was missed by McBride's team during the game. Had Hamilton been able to register most of these trys, there might have been a different story to tell.

Stone was easily the star of the game for Hamilton. He was high scorer of the game with a total of 12 points, being closely followed by Deubert, who added 11 points to the winner's scoring column. Howk also showed up well for the Buff and Blue, playing a heady floor game and boosting the losers' score by two field goals.

Deubert and Kiley did the heavy work for the Geneva outfit. Kiley played a heady defensive game in addition to scoring seven points. Deubert was the Hobart scoring threat and the mainstay of his team's passwork.

HOBART	fg	fb	tp
Deubert, lf	5	1	11
Trapnell, rf	2	0	4
Barrett, c	1	2	4
Barna, lg	0	0	0
Kiley, rg	3	1	7
Leader, lf	0	0	0
Gray, rf	1	0	2
	12	5	29

HAMILTON	fg	fb	tp
Stone, lf	3	6	12
Normile, rf	0	0	0
Jacobsen, c	1	2	4
Payne, lg	1	0	2
Howk, rg	2	0	4
Thomas, lg	0	0	0
Eldridge, rf	0	0	0
Marquardt, lf	0	1	1
	7	9	23

Score at end of first half, Hamilton 9, Hobart 8. Fouls called on Hamilton 10; on Hobart 19. Referee Nestor, Utica.

—The Kappa Alpha fraternity recently celebrated the 100th anniversary of its founding at the Mother chapter located at Union. Kappa Alpha is the oldest Greek Letter Society among regular fraternities, Phi Beta Kappa, now national honorary scholastic society, being the only one founded previously.

—Students have often wondered what they could go through college on. A short time ago the University of Denver published the answer from their calculations; for a young man, $600 a year, for a girl, $800 a year. Where does she spend the extra $200?

—Unions' new chapel has received its finishing touches and is now being used by the students as a place of worship. Union has gone a step farther than Hamilton and has made attendance at Sunday chapel compulsory for all sects, even Catholic and Episcopalian. This resolution has caused much unfavorable comment among the students.

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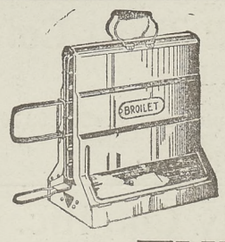

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